

IN THE CLAIMS:

The current status of claims 1-42 is as follows:

1. (Once Amended). A D-ring handle comprising:
 - (a) a D-shaped ring member ~~having~~ including a curved leg and a base; and,
 - (b) at least one tab integrally connected to said D-shaped ring member, ~~base top edge,~~
with said D-shaped ring member configured to be rotatably attached coupled to a substrate member and said at least one tab is connected to said D-shaped ring member such that when pressure is applied thereto, said D-shaped ring member moves outward with respect to a substrate member.
2. (Once Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, additionally comprising a substrate member, and wherein said base of said D-shaped ring member is rotatably attached coupled to said substrate member.
3. (Once Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 2, additionally comprising a foot member, wherein said base includes a block member integrally attached to said base, said block member includes a hole which passes through said block member, and said ~~substrate~~ foot member includes a pair of opposed protrusions, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said block member to pivotaly attach said D-shaped ring member to said foot member and rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to said substrate member.
4. (Once Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 2, additionally comprising a foot member, and wherein said base includes at least two tube members integrally attached to said base, and said foot ~~substrate~~ member includes a pair of opposed protrusions, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said tube members to pivotaly attach said D-shaped ring member to said foot member and rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to said substrate member.
5. (Once Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said at least one tab ~~has~~ includes an outer edge having a shape with at least one selected from the group consisting of triangular, U-shaped, square, rectangular, rounded, and combinations thereof portion.

6. (Once Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said at least one tab projects at an angle away from said ~~D-ring handle~~ D-shaped ring member.

7. (Once Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim + 2, wherein said foot ~~substrate~~ member has an outer flange and a recessed portion for receiving said ~~D-ring handle~~ D-shaped ring member.

8. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 3, wherein said base is L-shaped to form a ledge.

9. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 4, wherein said base is J-shaped to form a curve.

AM 10. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 2, wherein said base is a rectangular shaped file rod.

11. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said D-shaped ring member has a unitary construction, with said leg and base integrally attached to one another.

12. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said curved leg of said D-shaped ring member is hingedly attached to said base of said D-shaped ring member.

13. (Once Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein ~~said a pair of opposed supports are hingedly attached to a foot member~~ is configured, which rotates relative to the substrate member to actuate a latch member.

14. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of Claim 1, wherein said D-ring handle is used on emergency vehicles.

15. (Once Amended). A handle for use with emergency vehicles, with said handle comprising:
(a) a ring member ~~having~~ including a leg and a base; and,

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to said ~~base top edge, with~~ ring member, said ring member configured to be rotatably coupled ~~attached~~ to a faceplate, and said at least one tab is connected to said ring member such that when pressure is applied thereto, said ring member moves outward with respect to a faceplate.

16. (Once Amended). The handle of Claim 15, additionally comprising a faceplate and wherein said base of said ring member is rotatably coupled ~~attached~~ to said faceplate.

17. (Once Amended). The handle of Claim 16, additionally comprising a foot member, wherein said base includes a block member integrally attached to said base, said block member includes a hole that passes through said block member, and said ~~faceplate~~ foot member includes a pair of opposed protrusions, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said block member to pivotaly attach said ring member to said foot member and rotatably attach said ring member to said faceplate.

18. (Once Amended). The handle of Claim 16, additionally comprising a foot member, wherein said base includes at least two tube members integrally attached to said base, and said ~~faceplate~~ foot member includes a pair of opposed protrusions, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said tube members to pivotaly attach said ring member to said foot member and rotatably attach said ring member to said face plate.

19. (Once Amended). The handle of Claim 15, wherein said ring member has a unitary construction, with said leg and said base integrally attached to one another.

20. (Previously Presented). The handle of Claim 15, wherein said leg of said ring member is hingedly attached to said base of said ring member.

21. (Once Amended). The handle of Claim ~~15~~ 17, wherein ~~said a pair of opposed supports are hingedly attached to a foot member, which rotates relative to the faceplate~~ is configured to actuate a latch member.

22. (Once Amended). A D-ring handle for use with emergency vehicles, with said D-ring handle comprising:

(a) a D-shaped ring member having a curved leg and a base, ~~with~~ said D-shaped ring member having a unitary construction, said leg and said base are integrally attached to one another; ~~and~~,

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to ~~a top edge of~~ said base, with said base of said D-shaped ring member rotatably ~~attached~~ coupled to a substrate member, such that pressure on said at least one tab moves said D-shaped ring member outward with respect to a substrate member; and

(c) a foot member including wherein the substrate member includes a pair of opposed supports for being hingedly attached to said D-shaped ring member, said a foot member, ~~which rotates relative to the~~ rotatably coupled to a substrate member to actuate a latch member.

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23. (Once Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 22, wherein said base includes a block member, integrally attached to said base, said block member includes a hole that passes through said block member, and said ~~substrate~~ foot member includes said a pair of opposed ~~protrusions~~ supports, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said block member and at least partially through each of said opposed supports to rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to ~~said~~ a substrate member.

24. (Once Amended). The D-ring handle of Claim 22, wherein said base includes at least two tube members and said ~~substrate~~ foot member includes said a pair of opposed ~~protrusions~~ supports, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said tube members and at least partially through each of said opposed supports to rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to ~~said~~ a substrate member.

25. (Once Amended). A D-ring handle for use with emergency vehicles, with said D-ring handle comprising:

(a) a D-shaped ring member configured for being hingedly coupled ~~attached~~ to a faceplate, said D-shaped ring member having a curved leg and a base, with said D-shaped ring

member having a unitary construction, said leg and base are integrally attached to one another;
and,

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to ~~a top edge of~~ said base, with said base of said D-shaped ring member configured for being rotatably attached coupled to a substrate member faceplate, and

(c) a foot member including ~~wherein the substrate member includes~~ a pair of opposed supports for receiving a portion of said base member, and hingedly attached to a foot member, which rotates relative to ~~the substrate member~~ a faceplate to actuate a latch member.

26. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 1, wherein said at least one tab is connected to said D-ring member at said base.

27. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 26, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.

28. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 27, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.

29. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 12, wherein said at least one tab is attached to said curved leg of said D-shaped ring member.

30. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 12, wherein said curved leg includes ends and said at least one tab includes two tabs, each of said tabs connected to an end of said curved leg.

31. (New). The handle of claim 15, wherein said at least one tab is connected to said D-ring member at said base.

32. (New). The handle of claim 31, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.

33. (New). The handle of claim 32, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.

34. (New). The handle of claim 20, wherein said at least one tab is attached to said curved leg of said ring member.

35. (New). The handle of claim 20, wherein said curved leg includes ends and said at least one tab includes two tabs, each of said tabs connected to an end of said curved leg.

36. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 23, additionally comprising: a substrate member.

37. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 24, additionally comprising: a substrate member.

38. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 22, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.

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39. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 38, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.

40. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 25, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.

41. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 40, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.

42. (New). The D-ring handle of claim 25, additionally comprising: a faceplate.
